

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application, with claims 9-11 being cancelled by this amendment.

Rejection of Claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a)

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Li et al. (US Patent No. 5,864,560) in view of O'Conner et al. (US Patent No. 4,780,883). Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled by this amendment. In view of the cancellation of claims 9 and 10, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a)

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Li et al. (US Patent No. 5,864,560) in view of O'Conner et al. (US Patent No. 4,780,883) and further in view of applicant's background of the invention (page 4, lines 15-19). Claim 11 has been cancelled by this amendment. In view of the cancellation of claim 11, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

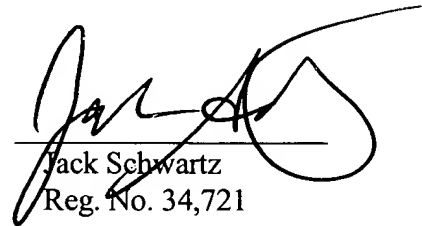
All claims (claims 1-8) remaining in this application have been allowed.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 50-2828.

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